

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-41 and 55-68 are allowed over the prior art of record. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the prior art of record fails to specifically disclose that aligning does not require beginning with either top of bottom node of the hierarchical parent/child structure of the dependency structures, and wherein the aligning is not based on top-down processing or bottom-up processing of nodes, and wherein an order of aligning nodes is based on linguistic relevance, beginning with aligning nodes having more linguistic relevance than aligning nodes having less linguistic relevance. Furthermore, it would have not been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to modify the prior art of record in order to derive the claimed invention.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to HUYEN X. VO whose telephone number is (571)272-7631. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F, 9-5:30.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on 571-272-7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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